

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

The Applicant has canceled claims 10 and 13. Accordingly, claim 15 is pending in the application.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claim 15.

3.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kivela, et al. (US 6,272,359) in view of Helferich (US 6,233,430). The Applicant has canceled claims 10 and 13.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes claim 15 to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claim 15.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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